

NETWORKING EVENT - No 12-09

WOMEN'S VISIONS AND PRACTICES AT THE CENTER OF POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION PROCESSES TO DESIGN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE HOMES, CITIES, AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Multipurpose, Room 12.

7th November 2024, 17:00-18:30 pm

This event presents methodologies aimed at promoting gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment in planning processes for the reconstruction of homes, infrastructure, and services, in cities and settlements destroyed by war.

In particular, it proposes the design of processes that make full use of women's skills, their capital of knowledge and creativity, from the humanitarian emergency phases, to build, in the post-conflict phase, resilient and sustainable cities. Women's active participation is required for the recovering of cities from the devastating impacts of war, improving in a holistic way, the quality of the built environment and the lives of all its inhabitants, starting with housing. Governments are recognizing the value of the extraordinary efforts of women and girls. Ukraine for instance has adopted legislative initiatives for gender-sensitive public policies including gender budgeting, and the need for women's active participation in reconstruction efforts, through the State Strategy to Ensure Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men to 2030 and the second National Action Plan (NAP) on Women, Peace and Security 2020-2025.

Therefore, if post-war reconstruction processes are also to be an opportunity for deep change that addresses pre-existing urban problems and shows the world the start of a new model of urban development, it must start addressing gender inequality in cities. To rebuild equitable, resilient, sustainable, and peaceful cities, national and local governments, donors, and other stakeholders must put women and youth at the center of reconstruction planning and implementation, recognizing the value and foresight of their thinking about ways of living and designing homes, cities, and territories, as well as their innovative practices.

Objectives:

- Promote an in-depth discussion on the contribution of gender mainstreaming and of the participatory processes with neighborhood women and girls to the challenges confronted by cities in the main processes of urban rebirth.
- Exchange innovative urban practices, in particular on the topic of housing, with participatory processes involving women and young
- Refine methodologies employed by UN-Habitat to the European context in three issue areas: housing & livelihoods, safety & security and spatial planning, in relation to gender equality in urban post-conflict contexts.
- Identify support actions (government and municipalities) for the inclusion, in their planning and decision-making processes, of women, youth and grassroots women's associations in the communities.
- Elaborate a checklist of actions and policy recommendations from access to housing, also temporary housing, aiming at stimulating a structural change in urban planning focused on the women's approaches to the visions of the New European Bauhaus, the 2030 Agenda, and the NUA.
- Define and plan the organization of a Gender Expert Group Meeting with the participation of experts and women's associations that will work on gender approaches to urban planning processes that respond to priority needs of housing for the rebirth of sustainable, peaceful and resilient cities that are "women friendly" after conflict, particularly in Ukraine.

Purpose and relevance of the event:

The event addresses an issue of great relevance for the just, inclusive and sustainable urban future of cities that need to be rebuilt after war: the participation of women and girls in planning processes. Women make up more than half of the population and are the most active actors during the emergency phase.

Their right to the city must be addressed, starting with the right to housing.

Conflicts destroy entire territories, buildings and lives, tearing apart the social fabric of communities. In the postwar period, however, there may be an opportunity for profound change. If effective space is given to women's needs, voices and capacities in building the future of cities, not only the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda and the NUA may materialize, but also the New European Bauhaus Initiative (NEB). Additionally, Security Council Resolution 1325, the European Parliament Resolution on Gender Equality in EU Foreign and Security Policy, highlight how the promotion of women's rights in countries affected by crisis or conflict and the participation of girls and women in planning are necessary to promote stronger and more resilient communities. Ukraine in particular, during war, has equipped itself with tools to strengthen gender mainstreaming and women empowerment.

The event will be useful to show how specific experiences in many European cities, especially in Spain, have effectively integrated the gender perspective in urban planning and design, from housing, to public space, to mobility, generating sustainability and innovation. Many of these are building on the European Charter for Women in Cities, the European Charter for Gender Equality in Local Policies, the initiatives of the URBACT program.

Developing a checklist of actions and recommendations starting with access to housing, including temporary housing, with a gender perspective will be a useful contribution to practitioners, local decision makers and associations of women and youth, living and working in war zones.

Defining the process for an EGM, on gender approaches to urban planning processes during the reconstruction phase is a useful reference tool for policy makers and donors who want to respond to priority housing needs.

17.00 pm - **WELCOME and INTRODUCTION**

- **Inés Sánchez de Madariaga**, Professor of Urban Planning, Women's New European Bauhaus (WNEB) and UNESCO Chair on Gender equality, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, AGGI-UNH chair, GAP vice-President, SPAIN

Opening Remarks:

- **Representative of Spanish Government**
- **Claudio Barbaro**, Undersecretary of State for the Environment of the Italian Government

17.20 pm - **THE FUTURE OF UKRAINIAN CITIES: INCLUDING THE VISIONS AND NEEDS OF WOMEN**

Moderator:

- **Jakub Świerzawski**, Dean of Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Applied Arts.Construction and Applied Arts, University of Technology in Katowice, POLAND

Panelists:

- **Andrii Sadovyi**, Mayor of Lviv TBC
- **Begoña Lasagabaster**, Director, Division Gender Equality UNESCO
- **Tetyana Nestorenko**, Associate Professor of the Department of Economics, Entrepreneurship and Finance of Berdyansk State Pedagogical University, UKRAINE and Silesian Academy, a Katowice (POLAND)
- **Teresa Boccia**, URBANIMA-LUPT, Federico II University of Naples, WNEB, AGGI-UN Habitat member, Co-chair Women Group, Honorary President of AFEM (Association Femmes Europe Méridionale), ITALY

17.40 pm - **THE REBIRTH OF CITIES IN THE POST-CONFLICT: PROMOTING INNOVATIVE URBAN PRACTICES, WITH PARTICIPATORY PROCESSES INVOLVING WOMEN AND YOUTH**

Moderator:

- **Marcos Ros Sempere**, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Panelists:

- **Leire Pajin**, Member of European Parliament, Vice chair of the delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly
- **Renata Rubian**, Head of Gender Team, UNDP
- **Rina Ito**, Programme Management Officer , UN-Habitat
- **Theresa Niederle**, Principal Economist and Gender Expert at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development with a focus Nord Africa e MENA
- **Maria Cristina Pisani**, President Italian National Youth Council - **Federica Celestini Campanari**, Special Commissioner Italian Agency of Youth, ITALY

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